



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of April 3 – April 9, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another warm week.

Sugarbeet planting jumps ahead of last year and the 5-year average.

Small grain seeding moving slowly.

Spring weather prevailed across the State with above normal temperatures and scattered precipitation. Temperatures ranged widely with high temperatures mostly in the mid 50's to low 80's, and lows in the teens to 30 degrees. Precipitation was mostly below normal with just scattered areas, mostly in the northeast portion of the state, receiving above normal amounts.

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 58 percent of the State, up 4 points from last week. Irrigation water supply was rated adequate to surplus in 92 percent of the State. Moisture supplies have improved slightly over both last year and the 5-year average. Barley progress, although slow, was still ahead of the average pace but oats seeding just began and was behind average. Spring grazing prospects were rated good to excellent in 49 percent of the State. Range grass was off to a good start.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Percent				
Very Short	7	8	24	16
Short	35	38	32	41
Adeq	55	50	42	41
Surp	3	4	2	2

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	51	48	57	50
Barley Emgd	13	1	2	6
Oats Pltd	2	0	19	12
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Spring Wheat Pltd	8	8	13	6
Sugarbeet Pltd	22	2	9	8

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FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 3.8 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. The winter wheat crop condition improved with 71 percent rated good and one percent rated excellent. Barley had been planted on 51 percent of the expected acreage, 6 points behind last year, but 1 point ahead of the 5-year average. Thirteen percent of the barley had emerged, 7 points ahead of average. Only 2 percent of the oats acreage was planted, well behind last year and average. Spring wheat planting progress stalled at 8 percent, nearly 5 points behind last year and average. Sugarbeet planting progress jumped to 22 percent in the ground, approximately 14 points ahead of last year and average. Producers in the Northwest planted sugarbeets instead of small grains.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
Percent					
Winter Wht	0	2	26	71	1

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	68	58	65	68
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	68	60	73	72
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	64	59	74	72
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	15	9	15	15
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	25	17	36	34

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions continued to be better than the last few years with 33 percent rated good and zero excellent, compared with 14 percent good and 3 percent excellent last year. Spring grazing prospects were rated good to excellent in 49 percent of the state. Calving moved at an average pace with 68 percent of the calves on the ground. Lambing and shearing were behind both last year and the 5-year average. Farm flock lambing and shearing were 68 and 64 percent complete, compared with the average of 72 percent for each. Calf and lamb losses were mostly normal.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Percent				
Very Poor	5	6	44	22
Poor	8	9	17	25
Fair	54	54	22	40
Good	33	30	14	12
Excellent	0	0	3	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, April 7th, were above normal across the State. Averages ranged from 0.6 degrees above normal in Afton to 7.9 degrees above normal in Dillinger. The high temperature was 82 in Redbird and the low was 13 in Afton. Precipitation was below normal except for some widely scattered areas mostly in the Northeast. The most precipitation was reported in Sundance with 0.97 inch, Dillinger with 0.53 inches, and Redbird with 0.46 inches.

TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION				
				CUMULATIVE 1/				
				: NORM :				
				1/05 : THRU : DEP.				
				FROM : PAST : FROM : TO : CURR : FROM				
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM
SNAKE DRAINAGE								
Jackson	55	25	2.9	0.21	-0.05	3.95	3.98	-0.03
Afton	54	13	0.6	0.39	0.05	4.08	4.56	-0.48
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE								
Uinta County AP	59	20	1.9	0.07	-0.16	1.58	2.51	-0.93
Big Piney AP	58	17	5.9	0.03	-0.12	1.34	1.32	0.02
Rock Springs AP	65	24	2.1	0.17	-0.04	1.25	2.13	-0.88
BIG HORN DRAINAGE								
Cody	71	26	6.1	T	-0.19	0.58	1.48	-0.90
Deaver	77	25	5.1	T	-0.05	0.73	0.54	0.19
Greybull AP	78	27	4.0	0.01	-0.10	0.12	1.20	-1.08
Powell Field St	75	23	6.3	0.05	-0.03	0.19	0.68	-0.49
Worland FAA AP	78	25	4.1	0.04	-0.10	0.43	1.09	-0.66
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE								
Kaycee	77	30	7.6	0.02	-0.27	1.91	1.98	-0.07
Sheridan WSO AP	79	26	6.1	0.34	0.03	1.90	2.71	-0.81
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE								
Dillinger	78	27	7.9	0.53	0.24	2.35	2.16	0.19
Sundance	76	27	7.0	0.97	0.58	2.62	2.92	-0.30
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE								
Newcastle	81	28	6.3	0.41	0.13	2.18	2.20	-0.02
Redbird	82	27	7.1	0.46	0.12	2.42	1.99	0.43
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Casper AP	75	23	5.9	0.21	-0.09	2.45	2.49	-0.04
Cheyenne AP	70	26	5.4	0.28	0.00	2.12	2.33	-0.21
Chugwater	75	22	6.5	0.34	0.07	3.12	2.55	0.57
Douglas AP	77	24	6.1	0.20	-0.09	1.53	2.10	-0.57
Torrington AP	81	30	6.6	0.21	-0.07	1.64	1.84	-0.20
Wheatland 4 N	79	25	5.4	0.00	-0.23	1.79	1.48	0.31
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE								
Lander AP	70	25	4.3	0.14	-0.28	1.91	2.80	-0.89
Riverton AP	71	26	4.8	0.15	-0.03	1.91	1.21	0.70
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE								
Laramie AP	67	21	5.2	0.11	-0.10	0.44	1.94	-1.50
Rawlins AP	67	21	3.3	0.24	0.03	0.84	2.00	-1.16
Saratoga	68	24	4.6	0.23	0.03	1.40	1.93	-0.53

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